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TAGS: BENC BPRO ECEM OVIP CO

SUBJECT: INTEREST OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ' OFFICE IN ASSISTANCE  
TO VISITING GOC TEAM FROM STATE ENTERPRISE  
ALCO LTDA

REF: BOGOTA 3735

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2 REFTTEL, OFFICE DIRECTOR  
DEVINE HAS DISCUSSED FORTHCOMING ALCO LTDA. VISIT WITH  
USDOC (RICHARD MUENZER, TEL. (202) 377-2329), MINISTER-  
COUNSELOR DAVILA ORTIZ OF COLOMBIAN EMBASSY, AND ROBERT  
WEBER, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER SODA PRODUCTS

DIVISION OF DIAMOND SHAMROCK (TEL. (216) 694-5726.

2. WEBER EMPHASIZES SODIUM CARBONATE PLANT IS HIGHLY  
COMPLEX PROCESS VERY DEPENDENT ON (A) MAINTENANCE,  
(B) READILY AVAILABLE SPARE PARTS, AND (C) SKILLED WORKERS.  
WITHOUT THESE, CHANCES OF OPTIMUM OR EFFICIENT OPERATION  
ARE MINIMAL. TO DATE, COLOMBIAN COMMITMENT HAS BEEN  
LESS THAN NECESSARY AND COMPREHENSION OF REQUIRED  
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MAINTENANCE CONCEPT HAS BEEN LACKING. WEBER SAYS TRUE

FACTS OF PROBLEM WILL BE UNPALATABLE TO COLOMBIANS BUT  
DIAMOND SHAMROCK IS PREPARED LEVEL WITH THEM, EVEN THOUGH

SKEPTICAL NECESSARY CORRECTIVE ACTION WILL BE UNDER-  
STOOD OR UNDERTAKEN.

3. DIAMOND SHAMROCK IS FULLY AWARE OF INTEREST EXPRESSED  
BY PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. ASSURES US, EVEN THOUGH FINAL  
PAYMENT RECEIVED AND COMPANY ENTITLED "WALK AWAY"  
FROM ENTIRE TRANSACTION, THAT IT FEELS ITS PROFESSIONAL  
REPUTATION IS AT STAKE AND WILL DO BEST TO HELP  
COLOMBIANS MAKE PLANT WORK. DIAMOND SHAMROCK PREPARED  
TO DISCUSS WITH COLOMBIAN VISITORS POSSIBLE DISPATCH  
OF TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO COLOMBIA IF  
THIS SEEMS WARRANTED. SISCO

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